

# Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council  
held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers

Members present:	Mayor:	Michael Patey
	Deputy Mayor:	Paula Bridger
	Councillors:	Colleen Paul
		Gregory Hurley
		Dennis Butt
Also, present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley
Absent:	Councillor:	Stephanie Greene

Mayor M. Patey chaired the meeting.

## Discussion:

1. Discussion with Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works.

-Scott said everything is working good with the water system. He was still waiting on a quote from Pennecon for replacing wire.

-The lift stations are working good. Scott said there was an issue with a frozen pipe at the sewerage treatment plant.

-Machinery is working good.

-Scott advised that they had 75 bags of asphalt repair. They have repaired potholes on Third Avenue, Maple Street and one on Sunset Drive in the new asphalt. Scott said he spoke to Rob Kearley of Exploits Engineering regarding the asphalt on Sunset Drive. Mayor Patey said he would contact the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor regarding portable asphalt plant. Mayor Patey said he would speak to Mr Kearley regarding the asphalt on Sunset Drive. General discussion on the issue of water on First Avenue. Scott said the engineer advised him that the road needs to be sloped back towards the end of the street so water can run off.

Councillor Paul asked Scott to describe a regular working day. He said they check lift stations, machinery, repair potholes it depends on what is happening some days are busier than others.

### **Discussion continued:**

Mr Luscombe fixed the drain valve on fire truck #2. He removed the valve cleaned it and put it back on the pumper. The quote the Fire Chief had for this work was \$445.00.

There being no further discussion Mr. Luscombe left the meeting at 7:45pm.

### **Adoption of minutes:**

1. Mayor Patey asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held March 14, 2017 and the special meeting held March 26, 2017 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**Motion #028-2017                      D. Butt/G. Hurley**

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held March 14, 2017 and the special meeting held March 26, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

**In Favor 5: M. Patey, P. Bridger, C. Paul, G. Hurley, D. Butt.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0:      MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Business arising:**

1. Services NL has completed testing on the town's water supply and they have lifted the "Boil Order". General discussion. Notices will be placed around Town and on the Town website advising residents that the "boil order" has been lifted.

2. Regarding the on-line banking TD Trust is offering the service free of charge. CIBC rates a similar to installing a debit machine. It was agreed that we would use the service where there is no cost to the Town. No response from Scotiabank.

## **Business arising continued:**

3. With regards to the Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department we have to set the boundary for responding and adopt the document.

4. Councillor Paul said she was contacted by Donna Huxter, parents of the graduation students group, asking her to bring greetings during the pot luck dinner being held for the grads on June 21, 2017. All members of Council are invited to attend. Councillor Paul said that any councillor who would like to could bring a greeting.

5. Regarding the 2.5% utility business tax Town Clerk/Manager checked with the Department and Councillor Paul was correct in that 2.5% is the maximum that municipalities can charge. It was felt that communities will have to lobby government to change the legislation. The issue came about because of the way in which utilities record their annual earnings.

6. Regarding work on the ballfield. Mayor said that he had the quote from Reid's Construction for the work. Mayor Patey said he spoke to the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor and Reid's did the work on their fields. Mayor will get back to Council on the matter.

7. With regards to the Stadium Mayor felt that we could get the information regarding the Stadium; however, given that this Council only has five months left in its term you really can not make a decision regarding the Stadium. The new cost shared program means the Town has to have 40% of the cost of the Project. It was felt that when the information is ready then there would be a community meeting to inform residents on the issue.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Information received on the Fire Emergency Service Training School being held in Clarendville from May 27-June 2, 2017. Copy of this information has been sent to the Fire Chief. General discussion.

Councillor Blanche Mercer arrived at 8:30pm

## **Correspondence continued:**

2. Letter and certificate of appreciation received from the Town of Buchans for the Town loaning them fire pumper truck #2 while their truck was being repaired.
3. Letter received from the Gas Tax Secretariat advising that the Town has \$135,279.71 in Gas Tax funding to March 31, 2019. Discussion was held on using Gas Tax to do the sewer line on Third Avenue Extension. Town Clerk/Manager had an email from our engineers and they are suggesting that given the anticipated cost of the TCH project we apply for Municipal Capital Funding to do laterals on the north side of TCH and Earle Street and include the sewer project for Third Ave to the same application. General discussion. Mayor Patey will speak to our engineers tomorrow regarding this issue.
4. Letter received from Kendell Loder regarding the condition of town streets and an incident that happened to her on the school bus. General discussion. Given that the Provincial Government changed the cost share rates for paving to 50/50 it will be impossible for the Town to apply for paving this year. The estimate to pave Maple Street was \$460,000.00 and School Road was \$250,000.00. Council will work to have the potholes repairs when weather permits and we will do the larger section with asphalt when the local plant opens. Mayor Patey will reply to Ms Loder's letter.

## **Finances:**

1. Town Clerk/Manager presented the summary of the following reports: AP Transaction Journal numbers 1 & 2 and the Petty Cash Reimbursement. Items reviewed and discussed.

**Motion #029-2017**

**G. Hurley/B. Mercer**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #1, dated April 11, 2017 totaling \$39,377.59 for disbursement as presented.

**Finances continued:**

**In Favor 6: M. Patey, P. Bridger, C. Paul, G. Hurley,  
D. Butt, B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Patey was excused from the meeting at 8:51.

Deputy Mayor Bridger chaired the meeting.

2. **Motion #030-2017 B. Mercer/G. Hurley**

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal #2, dated April 11, 2017 totaling \$1,189.74 for disbursement as presented.

**In Favor 5: P. Bridger, C. Paul, G. Hurley, D. Butt,  
B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Finances continued:**

**3. Motion #031-2017                      C. Paul/B. Mercer**

Resolved that Council approve the Petty Cash reimbursement dated April 11, 2017 totaling \$91.20

**In Favor 5: P. Bridger, C. Paul, G. Hurley, D. Butt, B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Patey returned to the meeting at 8:55pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

Short break from 8:55pm to 9:00pm

## **Other Business:**

1. Discussion on the Spring Clean-up. It was agreed it will be held from May 29 to June 9, 2017. We will take all debris similar to last year. We will hire two (2) people to work on the Clean-up. They will require a traffic control persons training.
2. The new street signs and highway signs will be installed once the clean-up is completed.
3. Discussion on applying for JCP funding for a person to coordinate the students again this Summer. It worked out really well last year. It was agreed to submit the application.
4. Discussion on Canada Day activities, suggestion included breakfast, parade, games on the field for the children, purchasing games and water sprinklers, barbecue in the evening, music, red and white lighting and fireworks.
5. Discussion on a dog roaming town streets and people are afraid of the animal. General discussion. A letter will be written to the owner regarding the matter.
6. Discussion on a letter that will be sent to resident on the south side of the TCH where the new water/sewer mains are being installed. The trench for these pipes will be inside the pole line on residents properties. The letter will explained why this is necessary and that their property will be repaired to the condition it was before construction began.

## Other Business continues:

7. The Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Symposium will be held in Gander May 4 to 6, 2017. Mayor Patey said he will be attending. Any one interested is asked to contact the Town Clerk/Manager. The deadline for return of registration is April 26, 2017.

8. Municipal Awareness Day will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. It was agreed we will serve lunch to the students of Avoca Collegiate similar to past years. 9. Notice was placed around Town again for cleaning person for the building.

General discussion. Loretta Noseworthy was selected for the position.

## Adjournment:

**Motion #032-2017      B. Mercer/D. Butt**

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:30pm.

**In Favor 6: M. Patey, P. Bridger, C. Paul, G. Hurley, D. Butt, B. Mercer.**

**Opposed 0:**

**Abstained 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

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Mayor

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Town Clerk/Manager

